



Annuitant

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President's Remarks

As summer creeps inexorably towards fall, I hope that you have been able to take full advantage of the great weather we have enjoyed the last few months.

We had fine weather for our annual picnic, held this year at Mike Weir Park. A great meal, entertainment and conversation were enjoyed by all. If you were unable to attend this year, make sure to add it to your calendar for next August. It is a low cost – low stress way to spend a couple of hours with current and former Imperial colleagues. Thanks to Ron Pask and team for organizing.

This fall we have three events planned.

Our annual golf day will be held Thursday September 18 in Forest.

On Thursday October 9, Jim and Pam Snyder will host another Bus Trip to St. Jacob's Market (St. Jacobs Farmers' Market Marks 50th Season with Expanded Hours and Summer Programming).

A Fall Fish Fry will be held on October 30 at the Camlachie Community Centre.

These are all very popular events, so see below for more information and register early to avoid disappointment!

We have offered our support and involvement to the Sarnia Site in their 2025 United Way campaign. Stay tuned for more information as to what opportunities this might offer.

Our annuitant club in Vancouver is organizing another cruise trip, this time to the Mediterranean. For more information, contact Jim Noel at jimn09@gmail.com or (604) 943 2745.

We continue to connect with our other Annuitant Clubs in an attempt provide the best possible service and opportunities to our annuitant members and will keep you posted things evolve.

Again, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestion for annuitant events, please let us know.

Greg Robbins

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Did you know that . . .

We have a wonderfully healthy and active club!

As of this past planning committee meeting, we now have **360** members.

Kudos to all of our members for helping to make our club healthy.

Upcoming events

Hold the dates!	
September 18	Golf day
October 9	Bus trip to St Jacobs with a late lunch at Anna Maes
October 30	Fish Fry, Camlachie Community Center
November 27	Christmas dinner and dance

Member News & Information

Has Anything Changed?

Help us to keep our club records up to date.

Do you have a new address, phone number or e mail address?

Send the new information to:

Carol Barnes

307 Tawny Rd

Sarnia, ON, N7S 5K1

Phone: 519 542-6159

E-mail: md.sleac@gmail.com

Keep us up to date

When words are hard to say, sometimes a card is the best way to reach out.

Outreach cards for sympathy and illness can be sent to members or family.

Please forward this information to Sharon Sharp, 519 383 7578,

email ssharp1015@gmail.com

so that cards may be sent in a timely manner. Thank you

Web site

Our web site is running and reliable thanks to Ric Cudmore! On the web site are links to photographs, events and other information.

<http://sleacweb.ca>

Future Event Registrations

Cheques must not be dated any later than the cutoff date for an event. Cheques dated for day of event will not be accepted.

Transportation and accessibility

Please note that registrations for our events will include a line that you can fill in if transportation is needed or if you can provide a ride to the event. The committee members organizing that event will make an effort to link those that need a ride and those who can provide one.

For all of us, please remember to watch out for each other and offer assistance if needed to members with restricted mobility preferred accessibility.

		2025 – 2026 Committee
President:	Greg Robbins	519-869-6400
Past president:	Tim Mondoux	519-330-8713
	Larry Western	519-542-9481
Secretary/Outreach:	Sharon Sharp	519-383-7578
Treasurer:	Ric Cudmore	519-331-1583
Membership:	Carol Barnes	519 542-6159
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Communications:	Jim Snyder	519-330-4195
Event Planning	Sam Donato	519-402-2759
	Ralph Henry	519-383-0156
	Ron Pask	519 331-7285
	Hilda Feimer	519-312-5132
	Pam Snyder	519-786-6374
	Julie Ferguson	519-336-5847
	Bill Hambly	519-542-6465

Our next planning committee meeting is on Thursday, August 14, 2025, 10 am to 12 pm

Our web site is <http://sleacweb.ca>

				
Greg Robbins	Tim Mondoux	Sharon Sharp	Ric Cudmore	Carol Barnes
				
Larry Western	Sam Donato	Ralph Henry	Ron Pask	Hilda Feimer
				
Jim and Pam Snyder	Julie Ferguson	Bil Hambly		

Looking for your input

If you are reading this, thank you.

This newsletter is a way for us to keep our SLEAC members connected.

So now, we are looking for your input!

1. Do you have any suggestions for an activity that we can organize?
2. If you don't participate in our events, do you have suggestions for ways to get you out?

Summer Event 2025



Lunch Box Social



About our members

One of the hardest things to do sometimes is to tell your story. Some may think that you are tooting your own horn. Regardless, please let me tell you something about me.

Flying a Canadian flag is a privilege we have in this country, freely and without negative reaction. Ahead of Canada Day, my house was adorned with many flags. To the point that one of our daughters were embarrassed by my show of patriotism.

Some years ago, I had an opportunity to buy the full set of Canadian provincial and territory flags at an auction. But having flags and flying them are different things.

For a few years, with some difficult baby steps, I realized that the fenceline along the Main Street South (part of Highway 21) beside our home in Forest would be ideal for displaying flags.

I experimented with different pole heights and fastening techniques. And I loved flying the full set of provincial and territory flags, according to the proper protocol (yes, there is a rule for how this set is to be shown!).

Occasionally my display was subjected to some vandalism, which didn't stop me from repairing and continuing to fly the flags.

On July 31, I had a long-awaited knee replacement. A week later, my neighbours informed me that my display had been savagely damaged. Nine poles torn off the fenceposts, seven poles bent over and broken off. Most of the flags, secured with zip ties, were cut off and left in a trail heading south of our property. I was heart broken as I struggled with my walker to see what had happened. I was in no condition to do anything about it, other than post on our community Facebook page to let our town know what had happened.

Within an hour of that post, the response was amazing. Lots of people were angry and looking for the criminals, many were devastated like I was to see the damage, and lots offered help and suggestions to get the flags back up. And then a representative from our local firehall came to the door, saying that they wanted to help get the flags back up. They reached out to the local hardware store, and they ordered replacement poles that they would donate. A local service club donated money to use in any way to continue to fly the flags. My faith in humanity and in my community had been restored!

Sarnia-Lambton is a wonderful place to live!

Jim Snyder

Limited to 54 riders!

SLEAC Fall Bus Trip

October 9 2025

St. Jacob's Farmer's Market and the village of St. Jacob's

Bus tour with a few stops

With Thanksgiving just a few days later, you will be able to find fresh produce to use for your celebration. The bus has lots of storage bins for whatever you find to purchase at the St Jacob's Market.

Bus Trip organized and
hosted by Jim and Pam
Snyder

Then we'll travel into town, where you can visit the small shops with lots of interesting things.

**Bus departs at 8:00 a.m.
from Canadian Tire parking
lot, returning by 6pm**

While you are at the market or in town, you may want to have a light lunch or snack to tide you over til lunch.

We will have a late lunch/early supper (2:30 pm)

Menu for lunch at Anna Mae's

Choose the broasted chicken or roast beef dinner. The meal comes with mashed potatoes, carrots and a dinner roll. Relish trays and coleslaw with be on the table. You can choose pie or cheesecake for dessert.

"Special dietary needs can be accommodated if advised at registration"

Member cost \$50 Guest cost \$100 (includes bus and meal at Anna Maes)

Register by September 30, 2025

Do not postdate cheque past **September 30, 2025**

Mail to: Jim Snyder, 48 Main Street SOUTH, Forest, ON N0N1J0

Cheques payable to SLEAC

SLEAC member (name)	Chicken or beef	\$50
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SLEAC guest (name)	Chicken or beef	\$100
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OR you can send your
registration to
events.sleac@gmail.com

You may also sign up using E-transfer from your Online Banking Application

In the Message section enter the following:

Bus trip

Attendees Names and choice of chicken or beef

Make note If there are any Special Meal Requirements (i.e., Celiac Gluten Free, Food Allergies etc.)

Do you need transportation assistance?	
Can you provide transportation for someone else?	
Any dietary needs?	

Fall Event	Fish Fry
Event Coordinators	Sam Donato, Ralph Henry
Event location	Camlachie Community Center
Event date	Thursday October 30, 2025
Times: 4 pm - 5 pm	Social Hour
5 pm - 8 pm	Dinner
Menu	Pickarel, salads, beans, buns and pie for dessert For non-fish lovers we will have ham & mixed vegetables
Type of Activity	Social / Dinner
50/50 draw charity	Sarnia Boys & Girls Club
Food collection	Inn of the Good Shepherd
Cost per member	\$ 25
Cost per guest	\$ 50
Cut-off date for registration	October 15, 2025
<p>Registration: Please follow the instructions to register using the new format.</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>Please send your registration to events.sleac@gmail.com</p> <p>**Please check in at the door to have your attendance recorded.</p>	<p>You may also sign up for the Fish Fry using E-transfer from your Online Banking Application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find Interac, E-transfer, Send Cheque with registration page. 2. E-transfer - Add a Recipient using: events.sleac@gmail.com as the Email Address (This is done only once). 3 Fill out the Form for 1 or 2 attendees. 4. In the Message section enter the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Attendees Names o Event Name (Fish Fry) 5. Also make note If there are any Special Meal Requirements (i.e., Celiac Gluten Free, Food Allergies etc.) 6. Send It.
<p>MAIL IN REGISTRATION with cheque to SLEAC</p> <p>Sam Donato 759 Manor Park Cres Sarnia ON N7S 4W7</p> <p>Deadline to Register is October 15, 2025. Member cost is \$25, Guest cost is \$50</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Spouse _____</p> <p>Total Amount \$ _____</p> <p>Any special meal requirements?</p>	

